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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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portion of a musical score identifies the theme "Music" - as does the shape or configuration of a housing shaped as a base clef etc.

It is preferred that the theme identification means is the shape, pattern, ornamentation or configuration of said housing means.

5 It is also preferred that said housing means is star-shaped, said theme is astrology and said programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing astrology services, or that said housing means has a sexual shape, said theme is a sexual theme and said programming means have been pre-programmed to connect
10 with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing sexually related services.

This invention in another aspect resides broadly in a communication assembly including:-

a telephone assembly having means to receive and transmit a message
15 to another telephone;

programming means for programming said telephone assembly to transmit a message only to one other or a plurality of designated other telephones, and

housing means housing said telephone assembly, said housing means
20 having theme identification means for identifying a theme associated with said other telephone(s).

It is preferred that the theme identification means is the shape, pattern, ornamentation or configuration of the housing means.

It is also preferred that the communication assembly provides a phone-
25 based service, said theme identification means identifying a theme associated with said phone-based service.

In one preferred embodiment said programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing said phone-based services. Alternatively the programming
30 means can be a key pad or the like programmable for transmission of a message to said one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing said phone-based services.

In one preferred embodiment the telephone assembly includes:-

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connection actuating means for actuating telephone connection to the other telephone(s), and

disconnection means for disconnecting telephone connection with the other telephone(s).

5 It is preferred that the telephone assembly cannot receive incoming telephone calls.

In one preferred embodiment the housing means is heart-shaped and the theme is love, ie St Valentine's day. In this embodiment the programming means is preferably a key pad or the like programmable to transmit a message
10 to only the telephone having the number first indexed on the key pad.

Alternatively the housing means may be star-shaped and the theme is astrology. In this embodiment the programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing astrology services.

15 In another embodiment the housing means has a sexual shape and the theme is a sexual theme. In this embodiment the programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing sexually related services.

It is preferred that the programming means is a key pad or the like
20 programmable for transmission of a message to the one or plurality of designated telephones numbers providing the astrology or sexually related services.

Description of Drawings

25 In order that this invention may be more easily understood and put into practical effect, reference will now be made to the accompanying drawings which illustrate a preferred embodiment of the invention, wherein:-

FIG 1 is a schematic block diagram of the communication assembly of the present invention;

30 FIGS 2A and 2B are front and rear plan views of a first embodiment of the invention having a St Valentine's day theme, and

FIGS 3A and 3B are front and rear plan views of a second embodiment of the invention having an astrology theme.

Description of Preferred Embodiment of Invention

As can be seen in FIG 1, communication assembly 10 includes a telephone assembly having means 11 to receive and transmit a message to another telephone, and programming means 16,17 for programming the
5 telephone assembly to transmit a message only to one other or a plurality of designated other telephones.

As seen in FIGS 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B, communication assembly 10 includes housing means housing the telephone assembly. The housing has theme identification means for identifying a theme associated with the other
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Claims:-

1. A method of providing a phone-based service including:-
programming a telephone assembly having means to receive and
5 transmit a message to another telephone, to transmit a message only to one or
a plurality of designated other telephones from which said phone-based services
are available, and
providing a programmed telephone assembly to a prospective user of
said phone-based services, said telephone assembly being housed in housing
10 means having theme identification means for identifying a theme associated
with said phone-based services.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said theme identification means
is the shape, pattern, ornamentation or configuration of said housing means.
- 15 3. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein:-
said housing means is star-shaped, said theme is astrology and said
programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a
plurality of designated telephones numbers providing astrology services, or
20 said housing means has a sexual shape, said theme is a sexual theme
and said programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one
or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing sexually related
services.
- 25 4. A communication assembly including:-
a telephone assembly having means to receive and transmit a message
to another telephone;
programming means for programming said telephone assembly to
transmit a message only to one other or a plurality of designated other
30 telephones, and
housing means housing said telephone assembly, said housing means
having theme identification means for identifying a theme associated with said
other telephone(s).

5. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein said theme identification means is the shape, pattern, ornamentation or configuration of said housing means.

5 6. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein said communication assembly provides a phone-based service, said theme identification means identifying a theme associated with said phone-based service.

10 7. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein said programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing said phone-based services.

15 8. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein said programming means is a key pad or the like programmable for transmission of a message to said one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing said phone-based services.

20 9. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein said telephone assembly includes:-

connection actuating means for actuating telephone connection to said other telephone(s), and

25 disconnection means for disconnecting telephone connection with said other telephone(s).

10. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein said telephone assembly cannot receive incoming telephone calls.

30 11. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein said housing means is heart-shaped and said theme is love.

12. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 11, wherein said programming means is a key pad or the like programmable to transmit a message to only the telephone having the number first indexed on said key pad.
- 5 13. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein said housing means is star-shaped and said theme is astrology.
14. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 13, wherein said programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a
10 plurality of designated telephones numbers providing astrology services.
15. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein said housing means has a sexual shape and said theme is a sexual theme.
- 15 16. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 15, wherein said programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing sexually related services.

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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01 June 1999 (01.06.99)

Applicant
KMR KONCEPTS PTY LTD et al

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
AG,AU,DZ,KP,KR,MZ,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:
AE,AL,AM,AP,AT,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BR,BY,CA,CH,CN,CR,CU,CZ,DE,DK,DM,EA,EE,EP,ES,FI,GB,GD,GE,GH,GM,HR,HU,ID,IL,IN,IS,JP,KE,KG,KZ,LC,LK,LR,LS,LT,LU,LV,MA,MD,MG,MK,MN,MW,MX,NO,NZ,OA,PL,PT,RO,RU,SD,SE,SG,SI,SK,SL,TJ,TM,TR,TT,TZ,UA,UG,UZ,VN,YU,ZA,ZW
The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(c-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 07 December 2000 (07.12.00) under No. WO 00/74352

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Int. Cl.⁷ H04M 1/02, 3/42		
Applicant 1. KMR KONCEPTS PTY LTD et al		

1.	This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheet(s).
3.	This report contains indications relating to the following items: I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 26 May 2000	Date of completion of the report 06 April 2001
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I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages **1,4,5**, as originally filed,
pages , filed with the demand,
pages **2,3,3.1**, received on **25 January 2001** with the letter of **23 January 2001**.
- ☒ the claims, pages , as originally filed,
pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,
pages , filed with the demand,
pages **6,7,8**, received on **06 April 2001** with the letter of **04 April 2001**.
- ☒ the drawings, pages **1/3 - 3/3**, as originally filed,
pages , filed with the demand,
pages , received on with the letter of .
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages , as originally filed
pages , filed with the demand
pages , received on with the letter of .

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 - 16	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 - 16	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 - 16	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1 - 16: The amended claims are related to a method of providing a phone-based service wherein the theme identification means of the housing is linked with a theme associated with the phone-based services or other telephones.

No individual citation or obvious combination of citations disclose the features defined by the claims.

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programming means for programming the telephone assembly to transmit a message only to one other or a plurality of designated other telephones.

It is preferred that the communication assembly includes housing means
20 housing the telephone assembly, the housing means having theme identification means for identifying a theme associated with the other telephone(s).

It is further preferred that the theme identification means is the shape, pattern, ornamentation or configuration of the housing means.

In one preferred embodiment the telephone assembly includes:-
25 connection actuating means for actuating telephone connection to the other telephone(s), and

disconnection means for disconnecting telephone connection with the other telephone(s).

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30 telephone calls.

In one preferred embodiment the housing means is heart-shaped and the theme is love, ie St Valentine's day. In this embodiment the programming means is preferably a key pad or the like programmable to transmit a message to only the telephone having the number first indexed on the key pad.

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providing a programmed telephone assembly to a prospective user of
said phone-based services, said telephone assembly being housed in housing
10 means having theme identification means for identifying a theme associated
with said phone-based services.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said theme identification means
is the shape, pattern, ornamentation or configuration of said housing means.

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3. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein:-

said housing means is star-shaped, said theme is astrology and said
programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a
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20 said housing means has a sexual shape, said theme is a sexual theme
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25 4. A communication assembly including:-

a telephone assembly having means to receive and transmit a message
to another telephone, and

programming means for programming said telephone assembly to
transmit a message only to one other or a plurality of designated other
30 telephones.

5. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 4, and including housing
means housing said telephone assembly, said housing means having theme

identification means for identifying a theme associated with said other telephone(s).

6. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein said theme
5 identification means is the shape, pattern, ornamentation or configuration of said housing means.

7. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 4,
wherein said telephone assembly includes:-

10 connection actuating means for actuating telephone connection to said other telephone(s), and

disconnection means for disconnecting telephone connection with said other telephone(s).

15 8. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein said telephone assembly cannot receive incoming telephone calls.

9. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein said housing
means is heart-shaped and said theme is love.

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10. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein said programming means is a key pad or the like programmable to transmit a message to only the telephone having the number first indexed on said key pad.

25 11. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein said housing means is star-shaped and said theme is astrology.

12. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 11, wherein said programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a
30 plurality of designated telephones numbers providing astrology services.

13. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein said housing means has a sexual shape and said theme is a sexual theme.

14. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 13, wherein said programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing sexually related services.
- 5 15. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 12 or claim 14, wherein said programming means is a key pad or the like programmable for transmission of a message to said one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing said services.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER				
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC				
B. FIELDS SEARCHED				
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC H04M/IC, H04Q/IC, H04B/IC				
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT				
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.		
X	US 4481382 A (VILLA-RÉAL) 6 November 1984 Whole document	1,4,5,7,8,10,12,14,15		
Y	Whole document	2,3,6,9,11,13		
X	US 5673304 A (CONNOR ET AL) 30 SEPTEMBER 1997 Whole document	1,4,5,7,8,10,12,14,15		
Y	Whole document	2,3,6,9,11,13		
Y	GB 2280819 A (CHAO-MING YANG) 8 February 1995 Pages 1 line 14 - Page 5 line 15	2,3,6,9,11,13		
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